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The earlier filed Reply included a typographical error in the second occurrence of 09/125,452. This has now been corrected.

The attention of the Examiner is respectfully invited to page 14 of the Remarks of the last filed Amendment. The second paragraph is incorrect when it implies that the document is being filed on Tuesday, when in fact it was filed on Wednesday, February 19, 2003 as shown on the first page of the document. On the fourth to the last line of page 14, the word "fee" should be "free". The undersigned regrets the inconvenience caused by these errors.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this,

concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.


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Attachment: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3 has been amended as follows:

--This application is a divisional of copending Application No. 09/125,452, filed August 19, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,287,728 B1, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. [09/125,425] 09/125,452 is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of prior PCT International Application No. PCT/JP97/04709 filed on December 19, 1997, which designated the United States of America, and claimed foreign priority of Application No. 8-343166 filed in Japan on December 24, 1996.--